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COUNTRY East GermanyREPORT NO. TOPIC Military Information from DoeberitzEVALUATION see below

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1. On 4 December 1953, the Loewen Kaserne in Doeberitz was occupied to capacity by a total of about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia and numerous recruits. On 1 December, a general inspected troops and weapons in the barracks yard. Personnel and materiel observed included about 250 troops and 1 x 120-mm mortar, 1 x 82-mm mortar, 1 T-34 tank, 1 x 76-mm field gun, 1 x 85-mm AT gun, 1 BA-64 armored scout car, 1 half-track vehicle, 1 armored three-axle truck with 1 gun and heavy machine guns, 1 repair shop truck and 1 telephone section. A crew was seen with each vehicle or weapon. The inspection included demonstration of all weapons and drill involving about 50 troops. At about 2 p.m., the general left the installation.
2. On 4 December, Altes Lager was occupied to capacity by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and, a few, blue-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia. Between 30 November and 7 December, about 250 to 300 troops which, source believed, were recruits, daily drilled between the quarters. On 2 December, an undetermined number of troops received instruction on 4 x 120-mm mortars.
3. Between 30 November and 4 December several buildings on See Strasse, Doeberitz, had to be vacated for Soviet officers' families. On several days, an undetermined number of troops engaged in the construction of electric lines at See Strasse. the entire See Strasse and Blumen Strasse were to be vacated for Soviet families.

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5. On 10 December, the Loewen Kaserne and the Adler Kaserne were heavily occupied.
6. On 10 December, the cantonment at Hasenheidenberg was occupied only by a guard detail.

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7. On 9 December, 2 T-34/85 tanks engaged in firing practice in the area west of Einsame Pappel at the Doeberitz troop training grounds. On 10 December, an undetermined number of troops practiced firing with light and heavy machine guns southeast of Hasenheidenberg.

8. Between 1 and 4 December [redacted] German tenants in the Dallgow-Doeberitz area refused to quarter Soviet dependents in vacant rooms. 1

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9. On 29 November, a shipment of 11 converted boxcars with a guard detail under the command of the lieutenant, who escorted the shipments to Himmelfort, arrived at the Dallgow railroad station from the direction of Fuerstenberg/Havel. [redacted]

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10. In late November, source learned that 2,000 officers' dependents were to be quartered in Elstal on 1 January 1954. The population had been invited to make available apartments, for which other apartments would be made available in Nauen and Falkensee. The vacation was to involve especially the Till Eulenspiegel settlement. A commissary for Soviet dependents was scheduled to be established by late November.

11. On 29 November, source determined that the Till Eulenspiegel settlement was being vacated. Trucks carrying billeting equipment left toward east via Hamburger Chaussee. [redacted] that Soviet families were to be quartered in the Till Eulenspiegel settlement. 1

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1. Comment. In addition to the known occupation of the installations mentioned, the information confirms the vacation of the Till Eulenspiegel settlement. Previous information indicated that the 18th (?) Engr Bn of the 1st Mecz Div previously stationed there transferred to the Loewen Kaserne to make room for Soviet officers' families. Information in this report confirms and supplements previous information on the quartering of Soviet families at the Doeberitz post.

2. Comment. Reports on transportation indicated that the personnel exchange program terminated in early December. [redacted]

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